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**RE: MB Docket No. 14-57**

I write today from Veterans First Orange County, the only agency in Orange County, California that works exclusively to provide services to our county's more than 2,500 homeless and at-risk veterans. Our 10 transitional housing facilities, staff, and the honorable veterans we serve can function at their best due to the generosity and support of corporate sponsors like Comcast. Upon approval of the proposed transaction before you, almost the entire Los Angeles area will be served by Comcast.

As President/CEO of Veterans First Orange County, I urge the Commission to approve the transaction so that existing partnerships like the one we have with Time Warner Cable can be extended, deepened, and continued. Time Warner Cable has been a consistent supporter of our Veterans First Orange County Annual Stand Down. The event is the local component of a national movement that features a weekend-long connection between community organizations and our veterans to effectively deliver food, medical services, legal services, housing, employment assistance and children's services. The program serves over 42,000 of our nation's veterans every year. 501(c)(3) organizations like ours need all the help they can get to offer exceptional, impactful programming. Time Warner Cable's dedication helps us make our dream of caring for all needy veterans a reality.

It is important for you to understand our admiration of Time Warner Cable isn't just because of the money it gives to support us. Time Warner Cable makes a true effort to build real relationships with our veterans. The company provided a job fair booth and enabled its employees to volunteer for the event. When paired with partnerships like Comcast's "Hiring Our Heroes" program, our organization can transform the lives of our servicemen and women. The company recently announced that it had tripled its original goal of hiring 1,000 veterans by hiring 3,000 veterans in the first two years of the program.

I hope that others here in California and around the country can benefit from the same type of transformative partnerships that we've seen among our veterans here in Orange County. I urge your approval of this transaction, as it will help organizations like ours – and many lucky others – continue to empower all of our citizens, especially those who have served in our nation's armed forces.

Sincerely,

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